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1. PRESIDENT MOBUTU DECREED SEVERAL MAJOR CHANGES IN MILITARY HIERARCHY MARCH 10. GENERAL BABIA ZONGBI MALOBIA, FORMERLY SPECIAL CHIEF OF STAFF FOR THE PRESIDENCY AND AD INTERIM DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, WAS NAMED PERMANENT DIRECTOR - GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT. COLONEL ELUKI MNGO AUNGU, HITERTO COMMANDER OF THE AIRBORNE DIVISION (EX-DITRAC) AND ACTING CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMY, WAS NAMED SPECIAL CHIEF OF STAFF FOR THE PRESIDENCY. COLNEL MAMPA SALAMAYI HAS BEEN TRAFSFERRED FROM THE NUMBER TWO POSITION IN THE NATIONAL GENDARMERIE TO ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF. AMONG OTHER CHANGES, MALU-MALU DIANDA AND MAMINA LAMA WERE PROMOTED FROM LIEUTENANT COLNEL TO COLONEL. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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2. COMMENT: SINCE GOZ RESHUFFLE FEB. 4, GENERAL BAIA HAD BEEN HOLDING DOWN TWO HIGH-LEVEL JOBS, AND INEVITABLEY HAD TO SURRENDER ONE TO CONCENTRATE ON OTHER. BABIA IS WELL-KNOWN TO US MILITARY OFFICERS WHO HAVE FOUND HIM TO BE COOPERATIVE AND KNOWLEDGEABLE. THEY VIEW HIS CONFIRMATION AS POSITIVE STEP, BOTH IN TERMS OF ZAIRIAN ARMED FORCES (FAZ) AND US-GOZ MILITARY COOPERATION. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED TWO OF BAIA'S PROTOGES, MALU-MALU AND MAMINA HAVE  
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BEEN NAMED MILATTS BRUSSELS AND WASHINGTON RESPECTIVELY BABIA

VIEW HIS CONFIRMATION AS HEAD DDN AND ASSIGNMENTS OF HIS TWO  
PROTEGES TO KEY MILATT POSITIONSAS EVIDENCE OF MOBUTU'S CONFIDENCE  
IN HIM AND AS MANDATE TO EXERCISE BROAD AUTHORITY OVER FZ.  
MALU-MALU AND MAMINA ARE BOTH INTELLIGENT, EFFECTIVE OFFICERS,  
PRO-WESTERN IN OUTLOOK. MAMINA WAS OPERATIONAL COMMANDER FAZ  
FORCES IN ANGOLA AND DID CREDITABLE JOB UNDER VERY TRYING  
CIRCUMSTANCES.

3. COL. ELUKI, AS HEAD OF ELITE AIRBORN DIVISION SINCE NOV. 1974,  
AS EARNED MOBUTU'S CONFIDENCE BY PROVING LOYALTY THROUGH COUP  
ANQUE AND BEYOND AS CHIEF OF DIVISION WITH MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY FOR  
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